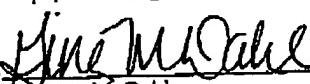


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Applicants elect Species I (Figs. 1-8) in response to the Election of Species Requirement of July 6, 2004. Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 18 read upon the elected species. Generic claims are present. The election of species is made without traverse.

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